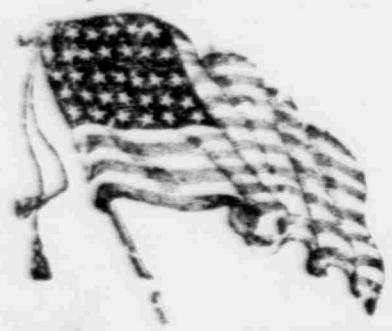


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MOTTO: THE BANNER, BELIEVING THOSE AT THE TOP WELL ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, HAS TAKEN ITS STAND IN THE BARRICADES WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE, AND ITS FIGHT WILL BE MADE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THOSE AT THE BOTTOM.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 1903.

It now looks like we shall have the canal via Nicaragua.

And Gov. Durbin still refuses to surrender Taylor to the Kentucky authorities.

J. N. Coombs, of Apalachicola, has been selected as Judge Long's successor as republican leader in Florida.

It is older than any Egyptian mummy but we suppose that old gag about the newspapers being "dragged" will run its course in the approaching campaign.

If the democratic party with Cleveland, Bryan, Hearst, Parker, Church, or any other candidate, cannot beat Roosevelt it had better retire from business.

Things are getting quiet in Macedonia and the "sea dragons" seem disposed not to be troublesome. Really there is little doing. Won't somebody write a platform or be interviewed.

Perry S. Heath, formerly first assistant postmaster general, says he is being attacked by yellow journals for his connection with the postoffice department. We need a yellow journal in every town in the country.

Hon. Napoleon B. Broward, one time sheriff of Duval county, a man of brains, popularity and political skill, continues to be mentioned as a candidate for governor.—Orlando Record.

Until the republican assassin of William Goebel is returned to Kentucky soil, the republican governor of Indiana would do better in the background.—Grand Island (Neb.) Democrat.

There will be no more whipping of women by penitentiary officials in Georgia. The whipping of the DeCris woman raised a storm of just indignation the echoes of which we hope will be felt throughout the country.

"Paul Revere's Ride" and "Sheridan's Ride" are familiar episodes in American history, but "Stockton's Ride to Pablo," is not so familiar. If put to song and set to music it might be "hot stuff" to sing at Punta Gorda.

Although this is not the season for Florida oranges, some second crop oranges are being shipped. The Fruit Trade Journal of Saturday says through its Milwaukee, Wis., correspondent: "A consignment of Florida oranges reached Milwaukee this week and they are certainly the right kind of stock—the kind that catches the eye and brings the money."—Tampa Herald.

Unless man is immortal, the moral universe, so far as he is concerned, disappears all together. If he does not survive the grave, it makes no difference to him whether there be God or devil, heaven or hell. And it must be not only a survival, but with a continuity of consciousness as well, if the evil are to be punished and the good rewarded hereafter. To inflict the penalty of violated law upon a being who does not know that he has offended is not punishment, but revenge. Conscious identity may not be a necessary condition of intelligence, but it is essential in morals. It is conceivable that a being may know without knowing that he knows, but cannot sin without knowing that he sins, nor be punished unless he knows for what wrong he suffers.—John J. Ingalls.

THE IRONING OF JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The Pensacola Press says that a great many mercurial persons have the habit of tearing their shirts over matters about which they know little.

It then delivers itself with a great display of knowledge about the alleged facts of the imprisonment of Mr. Jefferson Davis, late president of the Confederate states, and says that General Miles did not place "shackles" upon him but that this was done by a sergeant.

"It may be urged," says the Press, "that the sergeant did it in accordance with Miles' order. This is granted; but Lieutenant Miles was ordered by Secretary Stanton to iron Davis. Now, if the sergeant did not dare to disobey Miles, neither did Miles dare disobey Stanton."

The Press then goes on further to say that "Gen. Miles, when the order was first sent him, wrote back to ascertain if the order was imperative, stating that Mr. Davis was perfectly docile. Stanton sent orders to Miles to have his edict carried out and not to question the reasons therefor."

As intense as Secretary Stanton's feelings are thought to have been against the South; the Press does grave injustice to his memory.

Mr. Jefferson Davis was placed in irons on May 23, 1865.

On May 28 Mr. Stanton, in his official capacity as secretary of war, wired as follows to Gen. Miles:

"Please report whether irons have or have not been placed on Jefferson Davis. If they have been, when it was done, and for what reason, and remove them."

The following is Gen. Miles' reply to Secretary Stanton's dispatch:

"I have the honor to state in reply to your dispatch, that when Jeff Davis was first confined in the casemate the inner doors were light wooden ones without locks. I directed the sentries to be put upon his ankles which would not interfere with his walking but would prevent his running should he endeavor to escape. In the meantime, I have changed the wooden doors for grated ones with locks and the ankles have been removed. Every care is taken to avoid any pretense of complaint as well as to prevent any possibility of escape."

The only semblance of authority Gen. Miles had for placing the irons on Mr. Davis was an order from Mr. Chas. A. Dana, assistant secretary of war.

Mr. Dana's order was dated from Fortress Monroe, May 22, 1865, and was as follows:

"Brev. Maj. Gen. Miles is hereby authorized and directed to place manacles and fetters upon the hands and feet of Jefferson Davis and Clement C. Clay whenever he may think it advisable in order to render their imprisonment more secure."

As to how absolutely secure these prisoners were is told by Mr. Dana himself in a letter to the secretary of war from Fortress Monroe, dated May 22, two p. m., 1865.

"The two prisoners have just been placed in their respective casemates. Two sentries are stationed within and without their doors. The bars and locks are fastened and the regular routine of their imprisonment has begun. The arrangements for the security of the prisoners seems to me as complete as could be desired. Each one occupies an inner room of a casemate. The window is heavily barred. A sentry stands within before each of the doors leading into the outer rooms. These doors are to be grated but are now secured by bars fastened on the outside. Two other sentries stand outside of these doors and an officer is constantly on duty in the outer room, whose duty it is to see his prisoner every fifteen minutes. The outer door of all is locked on the outside and the key is kept exclusively by the general officer of the guard. Two sentries are also stationed without that door. A strong line of sentries cuts off all access to the vicinity of the casemates. Another line is stationed on the top of the parapet overhead and a third line is posted across the moats on the counterscarp opposite the place of confinement."

Notwithstanding all these precautions cited by Mr. Dana, we find that the very next day Mr. Davis was subjected to the humiliation of being placed in irons.

Writing to the assistant secretary of war on May 24, General Miles says:

"Yesterday I directed irons to be put on Mr. Davis' ankles, which he violently resented but became more quiet afterwards."

Worse than the irons about his ankles, however, was the fact that a light was kept constantly burning in his room and he was awakened every fifteen minutes, which made sleep almost impossible.

In another part of the letter we have quoted from Mr. Dana to Mr. Stanton he says:

"Mr. Davis bore himself with a haughty attitude. His features were composed and his step firm. His hair and beard are not so gray as has been represented and he seems much less worn and broken by anxiety and labor than reported."

Two days after he was subjected to the humiliation of being placed in irons and his sleep disturbed by being awakened every fifteen minutes, Brev. Lieut. Colonel John J. Craven writing from Fortress Monroe in September 1865 to Gen. Miles said:

"General, I have the honor to report that I was called to see the prisoner Davis on the 24th of May last. I found him very feeble; prematurely old—all the evidence of an iron will but extremely reduced in physical structure. Within the last week I have noticed a great change in the prisoner. He has become despondent and dull—a very unnatural condition for him. He is evidently breaking down."

Worse than the physical tortures imposed upon him, in his own book Mr. Davis says that his greatest torture was his torture of mind—that he was refused messages and tidings from his wife, children and friends.

Criticising The Courts.

One of the great sins of the Chicago platform in the eyes of the Baltimore Manufacturer's Record, and publications of its class, was its criticism of the courts.

But when the courts go the way these publications think they ought not to, they at once become hostile to them and criticise them without gloves.

For instance, the last issue of the Record quotes approvingly what the vice-president of the Texas Central railroad company has to say of the Texas courts and juries.

This gentleman says: "As long as the present attitude assumed by the Texas courts and juries exists against railroad companies this company will make no further extensions or investments in Texas."

In 1896 in the eyes of the Record it was rank anarchy for loyal democrats to criticise the courts and now the Record is doing it at random and just for instance.

It makes some difference sometimes which ox is gored.

It was an unpardonable sin for democrats to bolt the party when Grover Cleveland was nominated but this sin changed into a heroic virtue when Bryan was nominated.

We are amused at the Record's great chunks of wisdom.

For instance it says: "There is a vast difference between local self-government and government by mob or no government." "There is also a vast difference between merely cherishing traditions of self-government and actual self-government."

Indeed, the Record is a very amusing paper.

The Hearst Boom Booming.

Marion county is wheeling into the Hearst presidential column. The Ocala Banner of the 31st ult. contains a double column half-tone of the famous journalist, and announces that a club is being organized to boom him for the exalted office, the highest in the gift of the American people. A section of the club's reasons for supporting Mr. Hearst is expressed as follows: "Judging the man by his splendid work as exemplified by his prosecution of trusts, his ever ready hand to the oppressed, his constant warning to the American people through his editorials, his courage to oppose capital and combines, and his willingness to expose crime in high places, convinces us that he is the man to bear the democratic banner to victory."—Gainesville Sun.

Mrs. Mollie Allen, of South Fork, Ky., says she has prevented attacks of cholera morbus by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when she felt an attack coming on. Such attacks are usually caused by indigestion and these tablets are just what is needed to cleanse the stomach and ward off the approaching attack. Attacks of bilious colic may be prevented in the same way. For sale by all medicine dealers and druggists. m

POLITICAL CHIPS

FROM THE STATE PRESS.

The Hon. C. M. Brown's Webster's unabridged last week to carry those private "I want your support" letters of the governor.—Apalachicola Times.

That Ocala gentleman who is already organizing Hearst clubs has evidently picked out the public job he wants.—Palatka Herald.

It is said that extra mail sacks were required last week to carry those private "I want your support" letters of the governor.—Apalachicola Times.

If the Jennings forces attempt a gun game on John Stockton, they will have their hands full. J. S. carries a gun, and it is loaded with slugs.—Apalachicola Times.

If it takes two months or thereabouts to count 100 lines in the comptroller's office, my what a time they must take on a thousand lines.—Apalachicola Times.

Governor Jennings is now squarely in the race for the United States senatorship, and those who reckon his strength lightly will be deceived.—Tallahasseean.

Mr. Croom no doubt lost many friends for the part he played in that "tax reduction" scheme, but from all accounts he still retains his nerve.—Palatka Herald.

D. H. Mays keeps the gubernatorial aspirants guessing these days. He will be a powerful factor in the race when he finally shies his castor into the ring.—Tampa Herald.

Frank Clark has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., and when he comes back he will feel like a thoroughbred race horse, ready for the eight hundred mile dash to Washington.—Dunnell Advocate.

C. M. Brown, of Ocala, has published his platform. Shorn of verbal flourishes and infelicities it is a good paper, but does not contain platform material, because the democrats of the state do not differ on the matters discussed.—Lake City Index.

It is said there are four men in Jacksonville who haven't yet been spoken of for an office in 1904. One is the editor of the Metropolis, another the editor of the Times-Union and the other two are in jail pending an appeal to the supreme court.—DeLand News.

General E. B. Bailey, of Monticello, state senator from Jefferson county, is authority for the statement that Hon. Dannelle H. Mays will undoubtedly become a candidate for governor, and that he will make things interesting in the gubernatorial field.—Pensacola Journal.

HOT AFTER THE GOVERNOR.

Hon. John S. Beard, the able and astute attorney of Pensacola, severely criticises the governor for appointing two members of the legislature on the board to revise the statutes in direct violation of the state constitution.—Arcadia News.

The Pasco County Democrat has a column article in its last issue highly eulogistic of Gov. Jennings for United States senator, but Capt. John B. doesn't say whether or not he will support him. And that's what a whole lot of his friends desire to know.—Lake City Index.

Stockton, Barrs and Broward have been facetiously dubbed by the state press "the three friends." Well, we have no doubt they are, literally, but we wish to suggest right here that it will require more friends than that to land either of them into the office to which they aspire.—Pensacola Press.

The Tampa Tribune says that "the Florida newspaper men are the most patriotic people on earth. Just listen at them how for their favorite for governor and for United States senator. The question that puzzles the Tribune is, when and where are the press people recognized and rewarded?"

The only possible way that they ever get anything is by a little public printing at starvation prices."—Metropolis.

Articles of incorporation are being published in Lake City for a charter for the Suwannee Insurance Company of Florida, with a paid up capital of \$150,000. Bob Rogers, of Alliance fame, is the president. He must have gotten powerful rich since he ceased shedding tears for the poverty-stricken farmer.—Taylor County Herald.

BIG TIME AT PUNTA GORDA.

August 25 will be a great day for Punta Gorda. The fact that three known candidates for the United States senate are expected to be present, and the extensive advertising, which the mammoth fish dinner has gratuitously received, ought to insure a phenomenal attendance.—St. Augustine Record.

The "oldest inhabitants" no doubt believe that they witnessed warm campaigns in this state, but they haven't seen anything to compare with what the one next year will be. It will be the "warmest baby" of a particularly warm aggregation of warm politicians, and before it is over some one will find it too warm for comfort.—Pensacola Press.

Jno. N. C. Stockton threatens to open his "pepper box" at the Punta Gorda speaking, where the three senatorial aspirants—Taliaferro, Jennings and Stockton—have been invited to a joint discussion. Let 'er go John, but stand from under when your Uncle Wilkinson gets into the ring with his Talasquo and points the muzzle of his squirt gun at you. Don't (Sampson-like) pull the temple down upon your own uprighteous head.—Tallahasseean.

NOT A HEARST BOOMER.

Some people and some newspapers are just bound to boom somebody for some office all the time. At present these persons and papers in Florida are working overtime to create a sentiment favorable to Wm. R. Hearst as the presidential candidate of the democratic party. Mr. Hearst would no doubt be a delightfully noisy candidate, and if the democracy is satisfied with ante-election pyrotechnics and post-election sack cloth and ashes he will doubtless fill the bill to a nicety.—Bradford Telegraph.

TRYING TO SWITCH HIM OFF.

You just can't stop the people in this section of the state from talking about Governor Jennings in connection with the congressional race. The suggestion some time ago that he would enter the race struck a popular chord and is still reverberating through the district, despite the fact that it has never received any substantiation from the governor himself.—Tampa Herald.

A PRISONER FOR LIFE

Offences against the laws of health are punished rigorously and inevitably by nature. A man may break civil laws and escape punishment. But the man who transgresses nature's law of health cannot escape the penalty. Many a man is to-day a prisoner for life, and for a very brief life, because of his outrage of the laws upon which health is conditioned. He sits idly in his chair torn by coughing spells and gasping for breath. The handkerchief which wipes his lips shows a red stain. He is slowly wasting away. Weak lungs, obstinate coughs, spitting of blood, weakness and emaciation are cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Thousands who have been cured by this medicine attest the fact. Sick people are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter, free. All correspondence is held as strictly private and sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery." The sole motive for substitution is to enable the dealer to make the little more profit paid on the sale of less meritorious medicines. "Three years ago I had the grip," writes Mrs. Tillie Linney of Gravel switch, Marion Co., Kentucky. "It settled on my lungs, and the doctor said I had consumption. I took six bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and am thankful to say I am entirely well. You may print this letter if you see fit to do so." Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets keep the bowels in healthy activity.

We have talked with a great many citizens from different portions of South Florida, and the opinion is that Senator Taliaferro should succeed himself. The idea advanced by inconsistent editors that he is a corporation man, dies a natural death in the brains of those who "know him not." Mr. Taliaferro is a gentleman of the highest type of manhood, schooled and trained in the channels of business life where he has been successful. His career in business life is a successful way, is evidence that he will be successful in public life. The record he has made at Washington is an open book whose leaves are unstained, while the people of our fair state are now enjoying the consolation that millions of dollars have been distributed throughout the "land of flowers" from the national treasury, the cause for which may be traced to our present members of the national congress, and no man worked with more zeal than Hon. James P. Taliaferro. For half a century in the dim and shadowy past appropriations for our rivers and harbors, etc., have been only chaff until Mr. Taliaferro was elected. The Indian war claim slumbered amid the dust covered papers of national legislation as long as the sleep of Rip Van Winkle, but with work and energy of influential men, the debt was paid. All honor and praise to Senator Taliaferro and his colleagues.—Lakeland Sun.

Another Commercial Benefactor.

Dr. Carl W. Bilfinger, the patentee of the new process of extracting turpentine and other valuable products from pine knots, stumps and waste slabs, was born at Ulm-on-the-Danube, Wurtemberg, Germany, fifty four years ago. He has devoted his life to the study of chemistry. Sixteen years ago he came to New York, where he opened an office as commercial chemist. About seven years ago he had occasion to visit North Carolina, and while there became interested in pine products. He took some of the wood back to New York with him and developed the device for extracting and purifying the turpentine. He came down to Washington, N. C., and put up a plant as a commercial experiment. He proved its success and succeeded in interesting Frank Page, a prominent railroad man of North Carolina, in the enterprise. Headed by Mr. Page a company was organized at Brisco, N. C. Dr. Bilfinger had the process patented in 1899. Every plant in operation today is said to be in a very prosperous condition.

Poor, Ignorant, Deluded Man.

What business is it of the government where the people go for their goods? Ducks have sense enough to find their way to water; geese have sense enough to find their best haunts; fish have wisdom enough to find the best feeding and spawning grounds; the wild ass and the wild horse know where to find the best pastures; but according to the theory of the protectionists, man, the highest and noblest of all animals, has not sense enough to be trusted freely to go to the right place for his groceries and dry goods.—W. A. Douglas in "What's the Use."

Mr. John B. Stetson, the great hearted philanthropist, loved Florida for his generous interest in and liberal contributions to the Baptist cause in Florida is equipping a modern hospital in Philadelphia for the use of the general public.—Southern Baptist.

And you might have added, Bro. Holley, that a similar hospital was decided upon in connection with the Stetson University at the time of the breaking out of the scandal. It was to have been a modern up-to-date hospital, costing Mr. Stetson many thousands of dollars.—Gainesville Star.

The Orlando Daily Record, one of the brightest little papers on our exchange list, is to be discontinued, removed to Miami, enlarged and improved in many ways, and, catching the inspiration of that busy section, we hope will enter upon a mission of more useful activity.

We carry in stock, along with scores of other pills, the celebrated Ramon's Liver Pills & Tonic Pellets—in fact we are headquarters for pills of all kinds—but we want you to try Ramon's. The manufacturers claim them to be the best—our customers, who use them say they find them to be the best, and we believe we are the best. 25c. Per Office Drug Store.